



# Proclamation

WHEREAS, hydrocephalus affects approximately one million Americans in every stage of life, from infants to the elderly; and

WHEREAS, one out of every one thousand babies are born with hydrocephalus, making it as common as Down's Syndrome and more common than spina bifida or brain tumors, and is the most common reason for brain surgery in children; and

WHEREAS, hydrocephalus is a condition with no cure; is primarily characterized by excessive cerebrospinal fluid on the brain that results in abnormal widening of the spaces in the ventricles, which creates harmful pressure and can be fatal if left untreated; and

WHEREAS, the only treatment for hydrocephalus requires brain surgery, and many individuals require more than one surgery to remain well; and

WHEREAS, representatives from the National, Regional, and State Hydrocephalus Association, in conjunction with leaders from professional, community, and medical-based organizations and associations, are dedicated to increasing public awareness of hydrocephalus and the needs of families parenting children, and adults diagnosed with hydrocephalus.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Geoffrey Thomas and the Monroe City Council, do hereby recognize September 2020 as

## HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH

and encourage the community to join me in the worthy observance.

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Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

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Ed Davis, Mayor Pro Tem

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Patsy Cudaback, Councilmember

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Kevin Hanford, Councilmember

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Jason Gamble, Councilmember

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Jeff Rasmussen, Councilmember

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Kirk Scarboro, Councilmember

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Heather Rousey, Councilmember